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U.S. Ambassador praises Kenyan reform efforts

January 12, 2010

Kenya's commitment to political reforms is paying off, the US declared Tuesday.

Ambassador Michael Ranneberger said "significant progress" had been made in a number of areas.

And he particularly singled out reforms in the police and the constitutional review process, saying this was an indication that things were on the right track.

"But we are glad that the pressure and encouragement that the US government and other countries have been putting on Kenya has been helpful... we are finally witnessing some significant developments in the reform agenda," he added.

Kenya has for years been seen as Washington's staunchest ally in the region and would immensely lose in bilateral assistance were its strategic position to wane especially with regard to programs related to the wars on terrorism, illegal trade in drugs, human trafficking and piracy.

On Tuesday, the envoy said it was therefore upon Kenyans to see to it that the government delivered all the promises it had made to them.

Mr. Ranneberger said it was for this reason that they sponsored a number of civil society and youth leaders to the US, to identify new and innovative ways to advance the reform agenda and advance the dialogue with key US government policy makers.

The delegation that included lawyer Harun Ndubi, activist Anne Njogu, Joshua Nyamori, Sylvia Wachira of the Youth Agenda will leave for Washington DC later on Tuesday, where they will spend a week engaging in high level meetings in the US Congress, Department of State and the White House.

"This delegation demonstrates the commitment of the US government to listen to and partner with Kenyan citizens to advance the implementation of the reform agenda and deepen partnerships between our two countries," he said.

To read the entire article, [click here](#)

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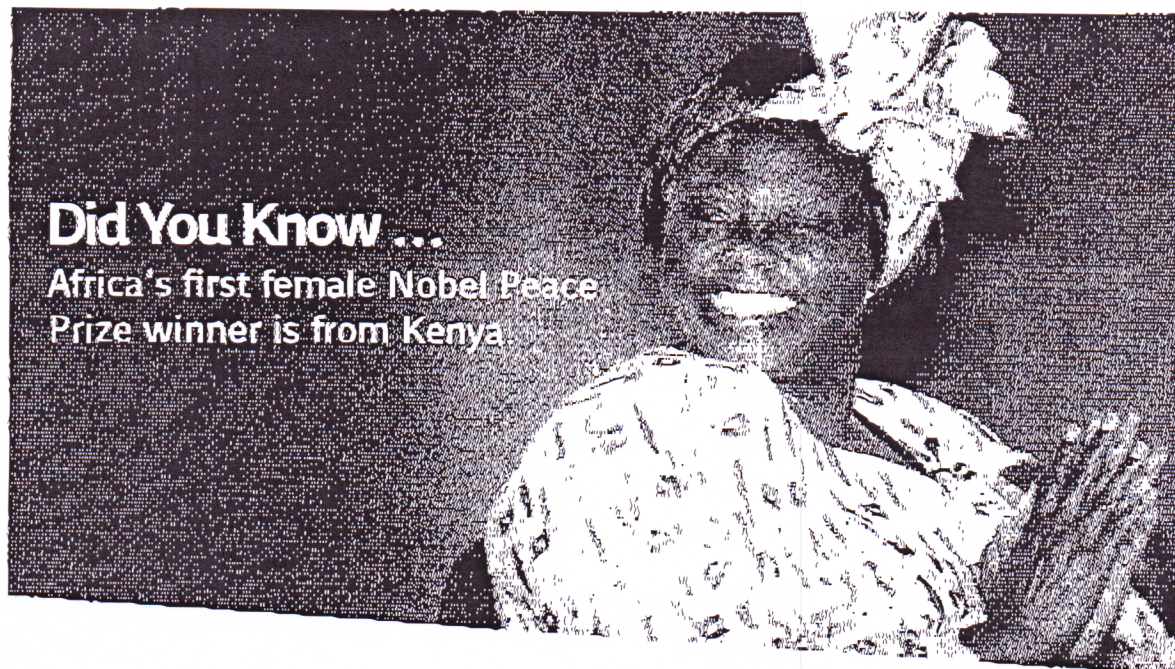
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50 FACTS ON KENYA

To learn more about Kenya visit www.kenya.info launching in January.

- Professor Wangari Maathai, the Kenyan environmentalist, was awarded the prize in 2004 for her dedication to women's rights, ecology and democracy.
- Professor Maathai was the first woman in East and Central Africa to earn a doctorate degree. She obtained a degree in Biological Sciences from Mount St. Scholastica College in Atchison, Kansas (1964).
- A role model for the world, Prof. Maathai travels internationally addressing the critical issue of climate change.

Source: Nobel Prize Biographies

<http://nobelprize.org/nobelprizes/peace/laureates/2004/maathai-bio.html>

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